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REGIONAL MEETINGS

Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph IV of its resolution 46/116 decided that, in accordance with the objectives and provisions of its resolution 45/155, regional meetings should be convened for each region that so desired within the institutional framework or with the assistance of the regional commissions and that those meetings should be financed as part of the preparatory work for the World Conference, as recommended for consideration by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 1991/30.

2. Subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, the Secretary-General of the Conference was notified of the desire of three regional groups to hold regional preparatory meetings for the World Conference on Human Rights.

3. The Secretariat has been informed by the groups concerned of their wishes in regard to the date and duration of these meetings. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243, entitled "Pattern of conferences" in which the General Assembly decided that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional cost directly or indirectly involved, the regional meetings will take place according to the following schedule:

(a) The regional meeting for Latin America will take place at San José from 6 to 10 July 1992;

(b) The regional meeting for Asia will take place at the headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at Bangkok from 17 to 21 August 1992;

(c) The regional meeting for Africa will take place at Tunis from 2 to 6 November 1992.

4. As part of the preparatory process for the World Conference on Human Rights, these regional meetings are expected to focus on means of enhancing the implementation of human rights norms at the international, regional and national levels, bearing in mind the human rights aspects considered to be of particular concern to the respective region.

5. The parameters for the provisional agendas for the regional preparatory meetings would include issues related to the protection and promotion of human rights, including the implementation of international and regional human rights instruments. In addition, each regional meeting would consider issues of particular importance to the region which related to the objectives of the World Conference from the perspective of that region. The final report of each regional preparatory meeting would be considered by the World Conference itself.